

Equipment

WAC 296-811-400

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YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:

To provide brigade members with equipment and protective clothing appropriate for their brigade functions

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Fire fighting equipment

You must

- Provide appropriate fire fighting equipment for the fire brigade.
- Inspect and maintain brigade fire fighting equipment according to Table 2, Fire Brigade Equipment Inspection and Maintenance.

Table 2
Fire Brigade Equipment Inspection and Maintenance

For this equipment	Do the following
All brigade fire fighting equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inspect at least every year.- Maintain in safe operating condition.- Replace if damaged or in unsafe condition.
Brigade respirators and portable fire extinguishers	Inspect at least every month and after each use

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Protective clothing

You must

- Provide appropriate protective clothing for fire brigade members who do interior structural fire fighting. Make sure protective clothing is:
 - Provided at no cost.
 - Meets the requirements for foot, body, hand, eye, face, and head protection found in another chapter, Safety Standards for Fire Fighters, Chapter 296-305 WAC.



Exemption:

Protective clothing requirements don't apply to the following fire brigade members:

- Those who don't perform interior structural fire fighting.
- Those who use only standpipe systems or portable fire extinguishers to control or put out fires that are in the incipient stage only.





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Self-contained breathing apparatus' (SCBAs)

You must

- Provide SCBAs, other than escape self-contained breathing apparatus' (ESCBAs), and make sure they are used by fire brigade members who do interior structural fire fighting.
- Make sure SCBAs do the following:
 - Meet the requirements found in another chapter, Respirators, chapter 296-842 WAC.
 - Are positive-pressure or pressure-demand type.
 - Use only compressed-air cylinders that:
 - Meet department of transportation (DOT) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) requirements.
 - Have a service life of at least 30 minutes, as required by 42 CFR, Part 84.
 - Have an automatic alarm that can be heard when 75 to 80 percent of its service life has been used up.



Note:

An SCBA can have a quick-disconnect valve or "buddy breathing" accessory **only if** the valve or accessory **doesn't** do any of the following:

- Damage the SCBA
- Restrict the SCBA's air flow
- Interfere with the SCBA's normal operation
- The "buddy breathing" accessory or quick-disconnect valve need not be certified by NIOSH